

THE TAX BILL FOR 1888.

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CONTROLLER FLAGG'S BUDGET.

The following synopsis of the estimates of the various departments for expenses in 1888 was read to the Board of Councilmen last night:

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, Dec. 7, 1887.
To the Board of Councilmen of the City of New York:
The thirty-ninth section of the ordinance for organizing the Department of the Municipal Government of the City, provides that "the Controller shall submit to the Common Council, on or before the first day of November, in each year, a detailed estimate of the receipts and expenditures for the year commencing on the first of January following, in order that the annual appropriations may be made; and also an estimate of the probable amount of tax that may be required for the year commencing on the first day of January following, with the draft of an act authorizing the raising of such tax, in order that an appropriation may be made to the Legislature for an appropriation to levy the same."

A thorough and careful examination of the Controller's estimate for the year 1888, and of the draft of an act authorizing the raising of such tax, in order that an appropriation may be made to the Legislature for an appropriation to levy the same, is hereby made. The estimate is based on the assumption that the City of New York will be able to collect the same amount of taxes as it collected in 1887, and that the same amount of expenses will be incurred as in 1887.

The statements from the several departments will now be referred to, under their appropriate heads.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Statement No. 1 is an estimate of the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1888, and is based on the assumption that the City of New York will be able to collect the same amount of taxes as it collected in 1887, and that the same amount of expenses will be incurred as in 1887.

The act of the Legislature of 1886, passed in 1887, and re-enacted in 1888, provides that "no person held as a slave shall be imported, introduced or brought into this State on any pretext whatever, except in the cases herein specified."

The following are the conclusions arrived at—Judge Roosevelt only dissenting. Full opinions will be hereafter written:

CONCLUSIONS.

The act of the Legislature of 1886, passed in 1887, and re-enacted in 1888, provides that "no person held as a slave shall be imported, introduced or brought into this State on any pretext whatever, except in the cases herein specified."

Comity does not require any State to extend any greater privileges to the citizens of another State than it grants to its own. As this State does not allow its own citizens to bring a slave here, even in transit, and to hold him as a slave for any portion of time, it cannot be expected to allow citizens of another State to do so.

Subdivision 1 of Section 2 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the United States makes this measure of comity a right, but with the limitation above stated; it gives to the citizens of a sister State only the same privileges and immunities in our State, which our laws give to our own citizens; it declares that "the citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States."

Statement No. 2 is an estimate prepared by the Croton Aqueduct Board, of the receipts and expenditures of that Department for the year 1888.

The revenues for the year are estimated as follows:

For water supply and distribution, \$7,000,000. For water supply and distribution, \$7,000,000. For water supply and distribution, \$7,000,000.

The above revenues are pledged by the ordinance of 1884, and the laws of the State under which loans have been made for the payment of the debt created for the construction of the Croton Aqueduct.

The estimated amount required for the year 1888, to be raised by taxation is as follows:

For water supply and distribution, \$7,000,000. For water supply and distribution, \$7,000,000. For water supply and distribution, \$7,000,000.

The following sums will be paid by assessment on the property benefited and by the issue of stock, viz:

For water supply and distribution, \$7,000,000. For water supply and distribution, \$7,000,000. For water supply and distribution, \$7,000,000.

The Common Council passed resolutions, Oct. 15, 1887, to increase the salaries of the officers of the Croton Aqueduct Board as follows:

Salary of the President, from Jan. 1, 1887, \$10,000. Salary of the President, from Jan. 1, 1887, \$10,000. Salary of the President, from Jan. 1, 1887, \$10,000.

The 3d section of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1887, is as follows: "Such compensation shall not be increased or diminished during the term for which they shall have been appointed."

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